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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment arising from this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-56, 59-87, 102-141, and 147.

Please amend claims 9, 57, 58, and 101 as follows:

[Amended] The isolated nucleic acid molecule of Claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid molecule comprises at least one of SEQ ID No.1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23,